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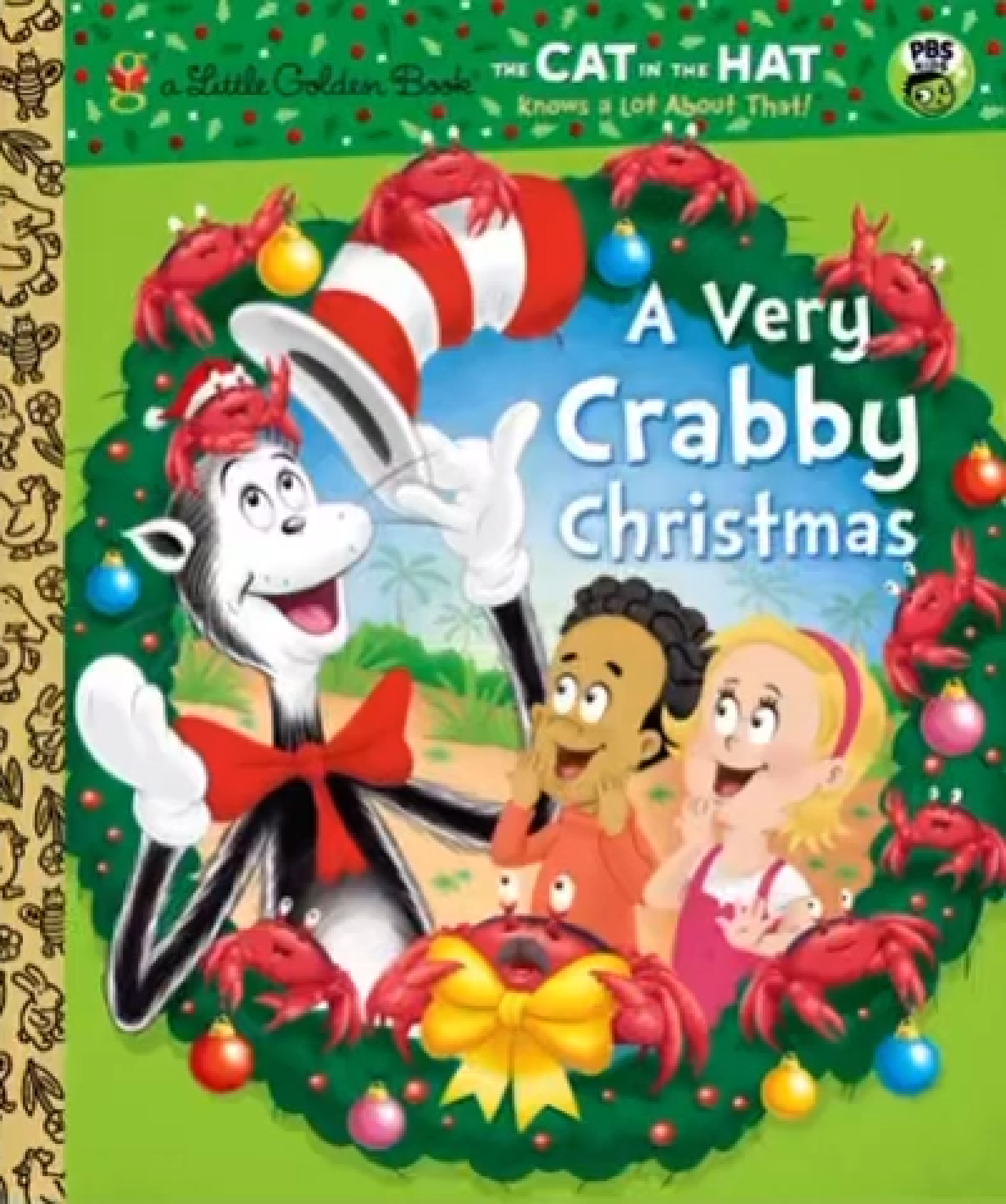

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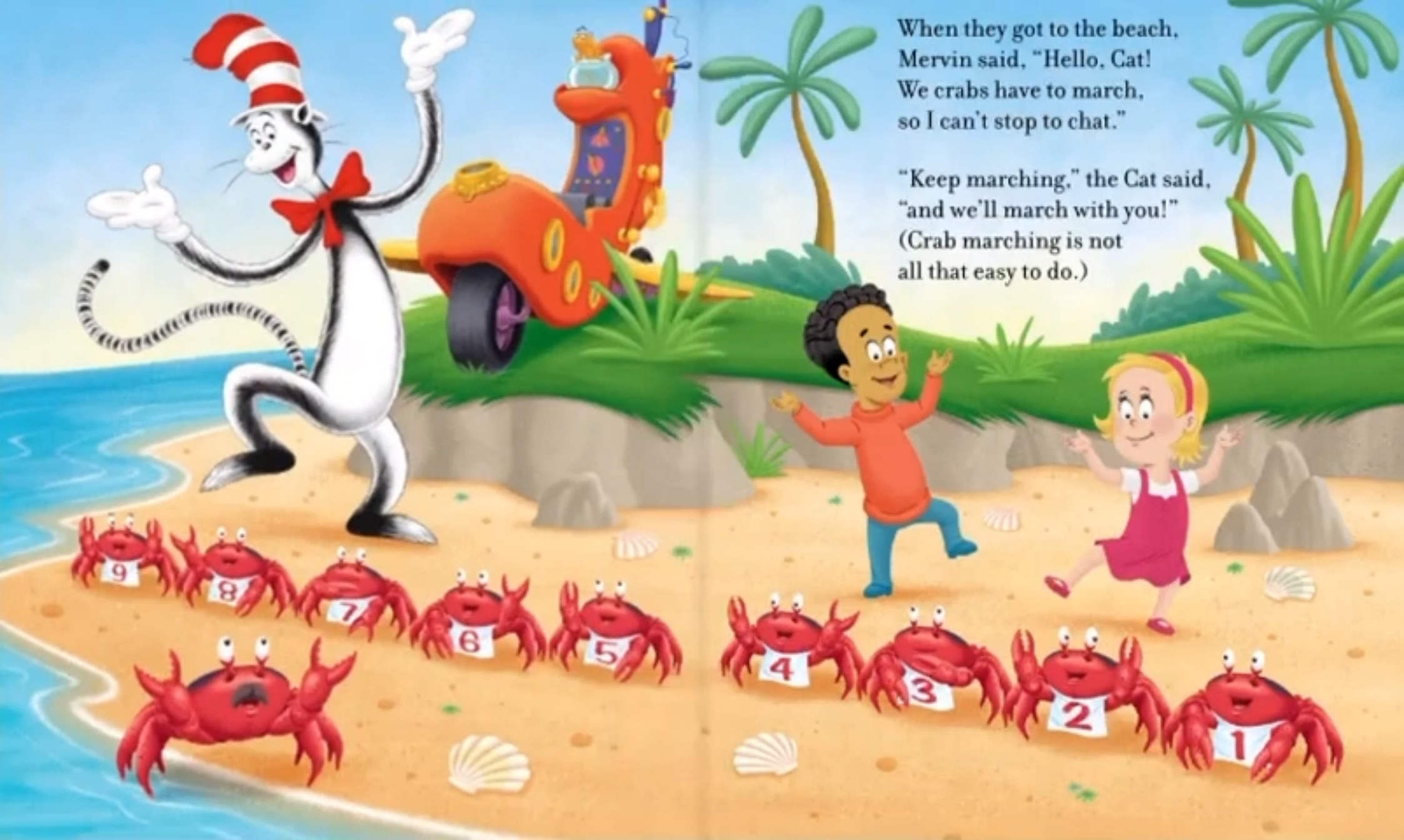
"Let's put some lights
on our tree," Sally said.
"We've got green, blue, and purple
and yellow and red."
While the Cat, Nick, and Sally
were trimming their tree,
the doorbell rang out
and a snail said, "It's me."

"I'm here with some mail
that I think is for you."
"Thank you, snail," said the Cat.
"I believe that is true.

"It's from Mervin the Crab.
He's invited us all
to come as his guests to
the Crab Christmas Ball.

There'll be dinner and dancing
and a Crab Talent Show.
To the Thinga-ma-jigger!
Jump in and let's go!"


When they got to the beach,
Mervin said, "Hello, Cat!
We crabs have to march,
so I can't stop to chat."
"Keep marching," the Cat said,
"and we'll march with you!"
(Crab marching is not
all that easy to do.)
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Then suddenly Mervin called,
"Stop! Stop the line!
We started with ten crabs,
but now we have nine.

"Crab Eight—where's Crab Nine?"
Crab Eight said, "I don't know.
She was marching behind me
a minute ago."

"Fall out!" Mervin yelled.
"Sound an All-Crab Alert!
Crab Nine could be lost!
Crab Nine could be hurt!"
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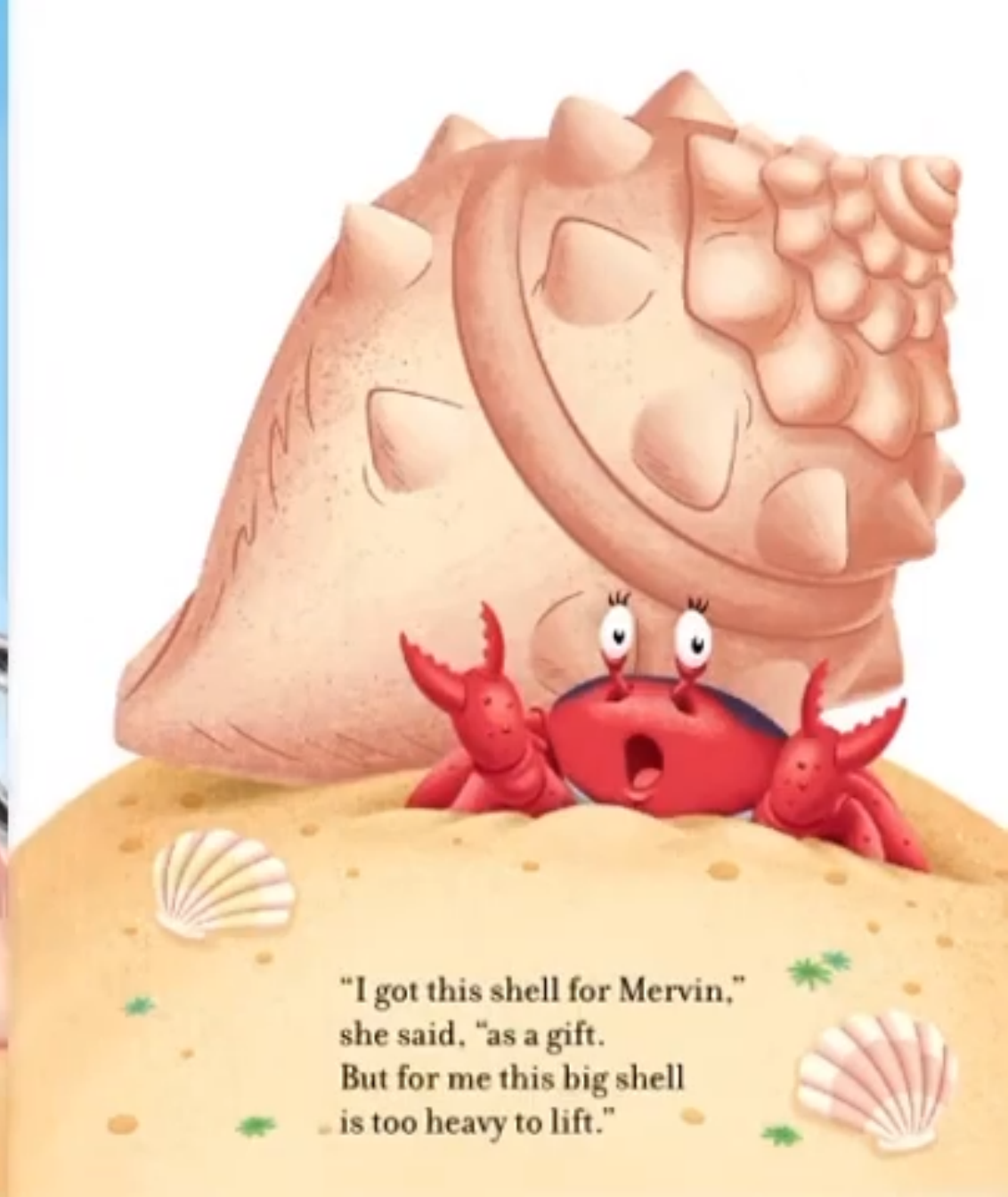
"We'll help!" the Cat said.
"We'll find her, I know.
In such a short time,
where could a crab go?"

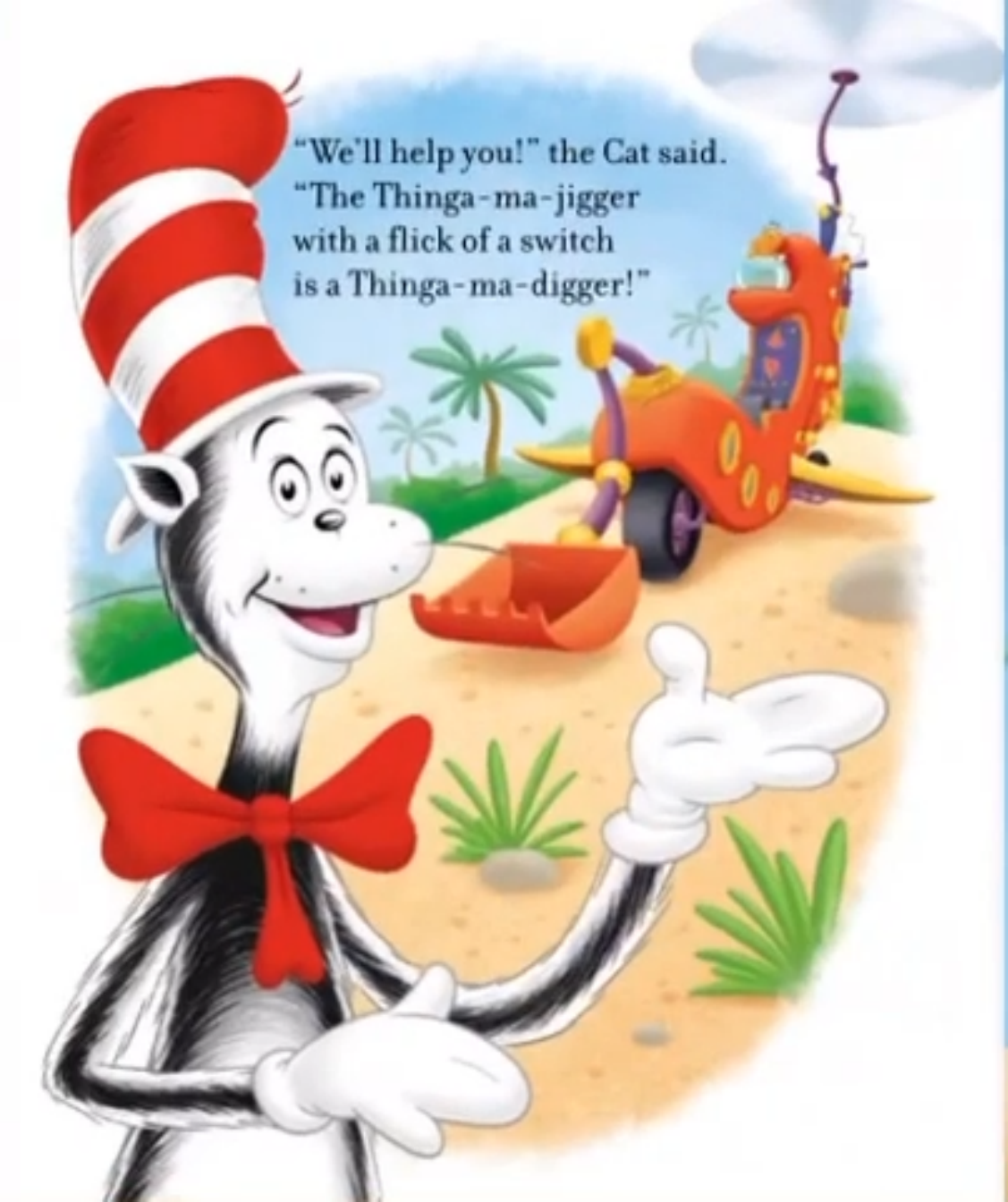
The crabs all took off
and they started to race.
They searched for Crab Nine
all over the place!

Where had she gone?
There was no way to tell.
Then there came a small noise
from beneath a big shell.

"I'm Crab Nine," said a crab.
"I got stuck in the sand."
"Hold on!" said the Cat.
"We will give you a hand."

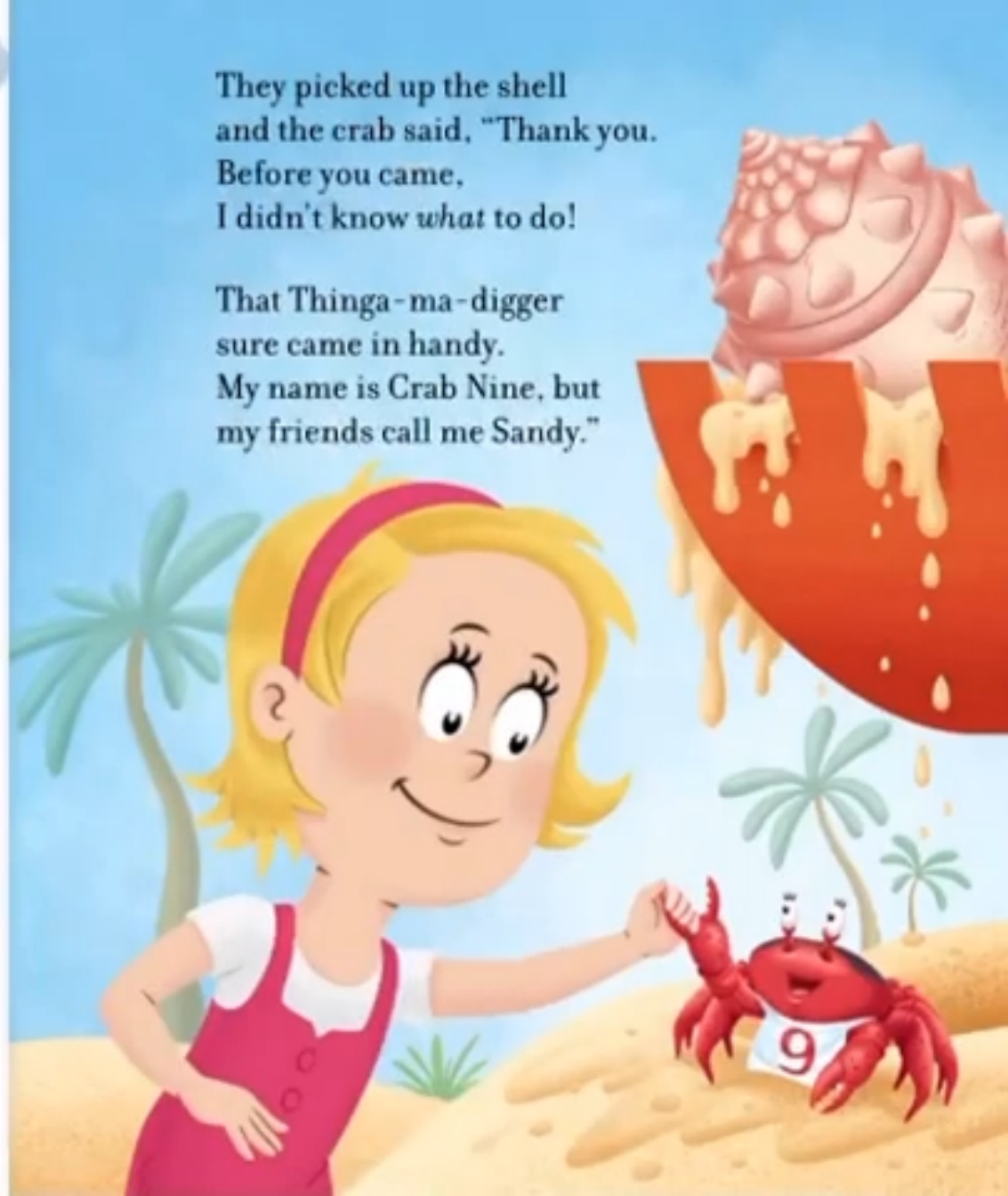


"I got this shell for Mervin,"
she said, "as a gift.
But for me this big shell
is too heavy to lift."



They picked up the shell
and the crab said, "Thank you.
Before you came,
I didn't know *what* to do!

That Thinga-ma-digger
sure came in handy.
My name is Crab Nine, but
my friends call me Sandy."



That night, the Crab Christmas Ball
was held out on the sand.
Music was played by
the All Sea Star Band.
Crabs sipped seaweed soup
on a cliff near the dunes.
When crabs sip their soup,
they don't need any spoons.

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Then all of a sudden,
crab claws started clicking.
Crabs got in line and
they all started kicking!

The stars started to twinkle.
The moon started to shine.
Then out of the sea grass
came little Crab Nine.
She was dressed in a glittering
gown made of kelp.
She sang, "Cat, Nick, and Sally,
thank you for your help.
We're so glad you came
to our Crab Christmas Ball.
You made this the best
crabby Christmas of all."

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